

Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the present application in light of the above amendments and following remarks. Claims 32 and 41 have been amended, and claims 29-31, 33-40 and 42-45 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. No claims have been added. Therefore, claims 26-28, 32, 41 and 46 are pending in the present application.

Applicant acknowledges that claims 26-28 and 46 have been allowed.

Claims 32 and 41 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but the Examiner indicated that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, claim 32 has been amended to include the limitations from claim 29., and claim 41 has been amended to include the limitations from claims 33, 39 and 40. Applicant submits that claims 32 and 41 are in proper form for allowance.

Claims 29-31, 33-35, 38-40 and 42-45 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,409,102 to Luttrell et al. ("the Luttrell reference") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,048,413 to Park et al. ("the Park reference"). Claims 29-31, 33-35, 38-40 and 42-45 have been cancelled, therefore the above rejection is moot.

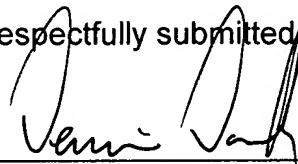
Claims 36 and 37 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Luttrell reference in view of the Park reference and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 5,601,664 to Kosa et al. Claims 36 and 37 have been cancelled, therefore the rejection of these claims is moot.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 26-28, 32, 41 and 46 are in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner feel that any unresolved issues remain in this case, the undersigned may be contacted at the telephone number listed below to arrange for an issue resolving conference.

Applicant does not believe that any fee is due at this time. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee that may have been overlooked to Deposit Account No. 10-0223.

Respectfully submitted,



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